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The Respected and Beloved Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG, General Secretary, CC, WPK and DPRK President, Pays Official Visit to RSR at the Head of DPRK Party and Government Del.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung warmly shakes hands with Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu (Telephoto)

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, was on an official visit in the Romanian Socialist Republic from May 22 to 26, at the head of the Party and government delegation of the DPRK, on the invitation of the Central Committee of the Romanian Communist Party, the Government of the RSR and Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu, General Secretary of the RCP and President of the RSR.

The members of the Party and government delegation of the DPRK led by the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung are: Comrade Kim Dong Gyu, Member of the Political Committee, and Secretary, of the CC of the WPK and Vice-President of the DPRK; Comrade O Jin U, Member of the Political Committee, and Secretary, of the CC of the WPK and Chief of General Staff of the Korean People's Army; Comrade Ryu Jang Sik, Alternate Member of the Political Committee, and Secretary, of the CC of the WPK; Comrade Ho Dam, Member of the CC of the WPK and Vice-Premier of the Administration Council of the DPRK and Foreign Minister; Comrade Chong Song Nam, Member of the CC of the WPK and Minister of External Economic Affairs of the DPRK; and Comrade Pak Jung Guk, Alternate Member of the CC of the WPK and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the DPRK to the RSR.

Arrival in Bucharest

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the CC of the WPK and President of the DPRK, together with his wife Comrade Kim Song Ae, arrived in Bucharest on May 22 by a special plane, leading the Party and government delegation of the DPRK.

Warmly greeting the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung at the airport with the feelings of friendship were Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu, General Secretary of the RCP and President of the RSR, and leading cadres of the Party and Government of Romania.

Also arriving there were the members of the Party and government delegation of our country led by the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and suite of the delegation.

That day the streets of Bucharest were beautifully decorated in welcome attire.

Put in place of honour on the main building of the airport were a portrait of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our people, and a portrait of Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu, the outstanding leader of the Romanian people.

The airport was crowded with more than 10,000 people. Welcomers were carrying in their hands the portraits of the respected and beloved leader of our people Comrade Kim Il Sung and Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu.

Fluttering side by side on the flagpoles were the national flags of Korea and Romania.

The crowds were holding placards reading: "Warm welcome to the visit of Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the CC of the WPK and President of the DPRK, to the Romanian Socialist Republic!" "Ceausescu—Kim Il Sung!" "Long live the Romanian Communist Party!" "Long live the Workers' Party of Korea!" "Long live the fraternal friendship between the Romanian and Korean peoples!" and "May the fraternal friendship, militant solidarity and multilateral cooperation between the Romanian Communist Party and the Workers' Party of Korea and between the Romanian Socialist Republic and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea strengthen and develop!"

Before the arrival of the great leader, Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu, General Secretary of the Romanian Communist Party and President of the Romanian Socialist Republic, and Comrade Elena Ceausescu, his wife, came out to the airport.

Also present at the airport were Comrade Manea Manescu, Member of the Political Executive Committee of the CC of RCP and Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the RSR; Comrade Emil Bobu, Member of the Political Executive Committee, and Secretary, of the CC of the RCP and Vice-President of the State Council of the RSR; and Members and Alternate Members of the Political Executive Committee of the CC of the RCP; Members of the State Council; Members of the Council of Ministers; and other leading personages of the Romanian Party and government bodies and working people's organizations.

Comrade Pak Jung Guk, Alternate Member of the CC of the WPK and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the DPRK to the RSR, who was a member of the Party and government delegation of the DPRK led by the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, and ambassador's wife and staffers of the DPRK Embassy were present at the airport.

Also present were foreign diplomatic envoys in the RSR and their wives.

At 1:30 p.m. the special plane carrying the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung touched down.

The moment stormy cheers of hurrah burst out at the airport, resounding far and wide and the airport turned into a flower garden.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung alighted from the plane, waving his hand to the welcomers in acknowledgement of their enthusiastic cheers. He exchanged a firm handshake with Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu and warmly hugged him, and shook hands with the leading cadres of the Party and Government of Romania.

Lovely children wearing red neckerchiefs presented the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife and members of the delegation with fragrant flowers carrying the feelings of friendship.

A grand ceremony was held at the airport to welcome the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

The Patriotic Song of our country and the national anthem of the Romanian Socialist Republic were played and a 21-gun salute was fired.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, in company with Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu, reviewed a guard of honour of the Romanian People's Army.

When the welcoming ceremony was over, the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu got in a car and headed for the city, receiving enthusiastic welcome of the crowds.

Hundreds of thousands of Bucharest citizens heartily welcomed the great leader along the 16 km-long route from the airport to the Spring Palace.

A grand ceremony was held in Scinteia Square to welcome the great leader.

The great leader was given the "golden key of Bucharest" by Ion Gheorghe, First Vice-Chairman of the Bucharest Municipal People's Committee,

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Comrade KIM IL SUNG, the Respected and Beloved Leader, Receives Foreign Guests

Representative Director of Japan-Korea Cultural Exchange Association and His Party

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, granted an audience on May 17 to Takeo Takagi, Representative Director of the Japan-Korea Cultural Exchange Association, and his party on a visit to our country.

Present on the occasion was Kim Gwan Sop, Chairman of the Korean Society for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung cordially met the guests and had a talk with them in a cordial and friendly atmosphere.

On the same day, he arranged a luncheon for the guests.

Delegation of Instructors of Syrian Baath Juvenile Vanguard

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, received on May 19 the delegation of instructors of the Syrian Baath Juvenile Vanguard on a visit to our country.

Present on the occasion were the members of the delegation headed by Ahmed Yassin Juhdi, Member of the Damascus Branch of the Syrian Baath Juvenile Vanguard.

Comrade Ryu Jang Sik and personages concerned were on hand.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung said that the visit to our country by a delegation of instructors of the Syrian Baath Juvenile Vanguard on the instructions of President Hafez Al Assad was of great significance for our two peoples in strengthening friendship and solidarity generation after generation, and had a conversation with the delegation in a cordial and friendly atmosphere.

It is very important to educate children and youth in a revolutionary way to continue revolution generation after generation because the target of revolution remains unchanged though generation is alternated, noted the great leader. He spoke about important problems arising in the education of children and youth.

The head of the delegation expressed deep thanks to the respected and beloved leader for his valuable words and said that they would apply the precious experience they learnt from the education of children and youth in Korea to suit the realities of Syria.

The delegation presented the respected and beloved leader with a gift which they had prepared and brought with much care.

TELEGRAMS

✦ The respected and beloved leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, and Comrade **Kim Il**, Premier of the DPRK Administration Council, sent a message of greetings to Samdech **Norodom Sihanouk**, Head of State of Cambodia and Chairman of the National United Front of Kampuchea, and Samdech **Penn Nouth**, Chairman of the Political Bureau of the CC of the NUFK and Prime Minister of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia, on the occasion of the 5th anniversary of the establishment of the RGNUC.

✦ The respected and beloved leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, received a message from **Hafez Al Assad**, President of the Syrian Arab Republic, in reply to his message of greetings sent to the latter on the occasion of the 29th anniversary of the independence of Syria.

✦ The respected and beloved leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, General Secretary of the CC of the WPK, received a message from Comrade **Abdul Fattah Ismail** in reply to his message of greetings sent on the latter's reelection as General Secretary of the CC of the Political Organization of the National Front of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen.

The Respected and Beloved Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG

Cables Chairman Han Dok Su on the 20th Birthday of Chongryon

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, sent a message of greetings to Comrade Han Dok Su, Chairman of the Central Standing Committee of Chongryon (the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan) on the occasion of its 20th birthday.

In his message the leader pointed out that the twenty-year history of Chongryon is a glorious history of splendid embodiment of the Juche idea under the uplifted revolutionary banner of this idea and a proud history of enormous successes, rare in the overseas nationals movement in the world, and highly evaluated the shining victory gained and precious feats performed by Chongryon.

He expressed his conviction that, under the guidance of Chongryon, 600,000 nationals in Japan will powerfully push forward their solemn patriotic movement, and so, render greater services to the country and people, and wished them happiness.

Great Solicitude of the Respected and Beloved Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG

for Chongryon on Its 20th Formation Anniversary

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung sent precious gifts to the Central Standing Committee of Chongryon (the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan) on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the formation of Chongryon.

And thanks to the great leader's profound affection and solicitude, the title of Merited Teacher and the title of Merited Athlete of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea were conferred respectively on six teachers and two sportsmen under Chongryon, the Order of National Flag First Class on eleven business enterprises and schools and various kinds of orders and medals including the Order of National Flag First Class on 10,209 persons—Chongryon functionaries, patriotic traders and industrialists and enthusiastic compatriots in Japan.

The Party and government delegation of our country led by the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is accorded an enthusiastic welcome by hundreds of thousands of Bucharest citizens (Telephoto)

The Korean People Will, in the Future, Too, Always Fight On Firmly Hand in Hand with the Fraternal Romanian People against Imperialism and for the Final Victory of the Cause of Socialism

Speech Made by Comrade KIM IL SUNG

at Mass Meeting

Dear Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu and Comrade Elena Ceausescu,

Esteemed leading comrades of the Romanian Party and government,

Dear comrades and friends,

Dear citizens of Bucharest,

We have now come to visit your country with the feelings of warm fraternal friendship of the Korean people towards the Romanian people.

Allow me to extend my deep thanks to you for having arranged this grand meeting today to welcome us warmly when our visit continues successfully, attracting the great attention of the Romanian people.

I would also like to convey, through you, the warm greetings of fraternal friendship from the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Korean people to the Central Committee of the Romanian Communist Party, the Government of the Romanian Socialist Republic, the Romanian people and the citizens of Bucharest.

The speech made just now by Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu, our intimate friend, on this platform was an impressive expression of the fraternity and comradeship of the Romanian people towards our people and greatly encouraged us.

We have been profoundly touched by the utmost hospitality and welcome the Romanian people accorded us from the moment we set foot on your country.

Through your welcome and hospitality we again keenly felt how deep and sincere is the friendshin between our two peoples and we are very happy to have such intimate friends as the Romanian people in Europe.

During our stay in your country, we have seen with our own eyes the successes achieved by the industrious and talented Romanian people in their struggle to build a new society under the leadership of the Romanian Communist Party led by Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu, their outstanding leader.

The cause of the working class is the international common cause and the successes of each socialist country are the common successes of the socialist forces of the world. Therefore, we are as delighted as seeing our own successes at the sight of the conversion of Romania from a formerly backward agrarian country to a socialist industrial-agricultural country. The 11th Congress of the Romanian Communist Party held at the end of last year set forth a policy of pushing ahead with socialist construction quickly, visualizing the distant future of Romania.

Upholding this policy, the Romanian people are now launching a socialist emulation drive to fulfil ahead of schedule this year the tasks of the current Five-Year Plan and intensifying the struggle to build a multilaterally developed socialist society.

We highly estimate the Romanian Communist Party for carrying out revolution and construction from an independent position, and the Romanian people for actively pushing forward the socialist construction, rallied around the Party. We sincerely wish the fraternal Romanian people greater successes in the future.

It is an important guarantee for the successes in the revolution and construction that the Communist and Workers' Parties maintain independence. The Communist and Workers' Parties are all equal and independent: there are no higher or lower Parties. Only independence enables each Party to carry out revolution in its country successfully and strengthen the unity of the international communist movement.

Since the liberation our Party has consistently maintained independence and creatively applied the universal principles of Marxism-Leninism to the specific realities of our country and thus turned our once-backward country into a sovereign and independent socialist state with firm foundations of an independent national economy in a short span of time.

Relying on the superiority of the socialist system in our country, we shall, in the future, too, implement the revolutionary line of independence, self-support and self-defence so as to win the complete victory of our revolution and contribute to cementing the world socialist forces.

Dear comrades and friends,

Today the economy is on an upswing in the socialist countries, whereas the capitalist world is in the throes of unprecedented economic crisis.

The economic crisis in the US and other imperialist countries is increasing in depth and scope.

This testifies that the socialist system is the most vital and superior social system that guarantees the people genuine freedom and happiness and that the capitalist system will inevitably go to decay and ruin. The present economic crisis sweeping the capitalist world is the product of the capitalist system itself. With no amount of ways and means can capitalism escape from the periodically and ceaselessly repeating economic crisis, which is getting more and more serious and catastrophic as the days go by.

In their effort to extricate themselves from the catastrophic crisis of today, the imperialist aggressive circles are further intensifying their exploitation and plunder of the working people internally, and externally, scheming to start new wars.

The socialist countries want peace, but the imperialists refuse to stop aggression and intervention, war and plunder.

In order to remove the danger of a new war and guarantee a durable peace and security in the world today, the socialist countries and all other anti-imperialist, peace-loving forces in the world should unite themselves closely to check and frustrate the imperialists' acts of aggression and war and continuously fight to force them to come out to the road of peace.

While fighting against imperialism and for the victory of the common cause of socialism, the socialist countries should render active support and encouragement to the liberation struggle of all the peoples of Asia, Africa, Latin America and the rest of the world who oppose imperialism.

The Asian, African and Latin American peoples are a strong allied army of the socialist forces and their struggle is a great motive power advancing the history of mankind.

Some time ago the imperialist aggressors were driven out of Cambodia and South Viet Nam and their puppets went to ruin. This showed more glaringly that the victory of the national liberation movement and socialism and the decline of imperialism are the trend of the development of the present times, which no force can check.

As the economic crisis is getting serious and the ruling circles' exploitation and plunder of the working people intensified in the capitalist countries, the working class and the toiling people in those countries are daily stepping up their struggle against them. This constitutes a powerful factor which aggravates the internal contradictions of capitalism and shakes it to its very foundation.

As the socialist forces, the national liberation movement, the working class movement and democratic movement are daily growing in strength on a worldwide scale, imperialism is steadily going downhill, and the general situation is developing more favourably for socialism and revolution.

The day has already gone when international relations were decided by a few imperialist powers; most of the formerly oppressed and exploited nations of the world have an ever greater say in the international arena.

In the sphere of international relations, the Romanian Communist Party and government, in conformity with the trend of the present era, are making an active endeavour to strengthen the unity of the socialist countries and the international communist movement on the basis of respect for the independence of each Party and to consolidate and develop the international cooperation and solidarity of the anti-imperialist forces. **The international prestige of the Romanian Socialist Republic is daily rising, thanks to the active role played by the Romanian Communist Party and government in the international arena and, especially, thanks to the energetic activity of Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu.**

We are sure that if the peoples of socialist countries, the Asian, African and Latin American peoples and all the peace-loving peoples of the world, big and small, fight in firm unity, they can accelerate the final victory of the common cause of peace and democracy, national independence and socialism.

Dear comrades and friends,

Korea is the eastern outpost of socialism and one of the fronts where the anti-imperialist struggle is the fiercest.

After the armed interventionists were driven out of Indochina, the world public opinion is focusing an ever-increasing attention upon Korea, saying that south Korea is where the colonial puppet rule is to fall after Indochina.

The foreign forces of aggression occupying south Korea and their lackeys are in the grip of extreme uneasiness and fear, clamouring about the fictitious "threat of southward aggression"; they are raising a big "anti-communist" racket, slandering and calumniating, menacing and blackmailing our Republic. This, however, is a foolish act and it is nothing but the last-ditch effort of the doomed.

Our position on the question of national reunification remains unchanged. We invariably hold fast to the policy that the reunification of the country should be realized independently and peacefully on democratic principles without the interference of any outside forces.

Actively supported and encouraged by the peoples of socialist countries and all other progressive peoples the world over, the Korean people will continue to make all efforts to smash the enemy's manoeuvres to perpetuate national devision and unleash a new war, and realize the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

The fraternal Romanian people extended sincere material and moral support to our people in the days of the last Korean war and the postwar rehabilitation and construction and still today they are giving active support and cooperation to our people's struggle for socialist construction and national reunification.

Especially the Romanian Socialist Republic conducts many activities at the United Nations and other international arena in support of our people's struggle for the withdrawal of all foreign troops from south Korea and the realization of the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea.

For this I should like to express my profound thanks, in the name of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the entire Korean people, to Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu, the Central Committee of the Romanian Communist Party, the Government of the Romanian Socialist Republic and the Romanian people.

The Korean and Romanian peoples have long formed strong ties of fraternal friendship through their common struggle against imperialism and for the victory of the cause of socialism on the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism and the principle of independence and complete equality.

The visit to our country in June 1971 by the Party and government delegation of the Romanian Socialist Republic led by Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu was an event of epochal significance in the development of the traditional relations of friendship and cooperation between the Korean and Romanian peoples.

We are convinced that our delegation's current visit to Romania will mark an important momentum in cementing all the more the fraternal friendship and solidarity between our two peoples and bringing this friendship to fuller bloom in all fields in the future.

The friendship and solidarity between our two peoples are conducive to cementing the unity and cohesion of the socialist countries and the international communist movement.

The Korean people will, in the future, too, always fight on firmly hand in hand with the fraternal Romanian people against imperialism and for the final victory of the cause of socialism.

Long live the indestructible fraternal friendship and unity between the Korean and Romanian peoples!

Long live the unity and cohesion of the socialist countries and the international communist movement!

Long live the Romanian Communist Party and the Romanian Socialist Republic!

Long live the banner of Marxism-Leninism!

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In token of the respect of the entire Bucharest citizens for him and in token of the Romanian people's friendly sentiments towards the Korean people.

At that moment the chorus of the Romanian People's Army lined up in the square loudly sang in solemn chorus "Song of General Kim Il Sung", the paean to the great leader of the Korean people Comrade Kim Il Sung, that reverberated through the square.

The chorus also sang "Three Names", the paean to Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu, the outstanding leader of the Romanian people.

At Victory Square, too, huge crowds warmly welcomed the great leader, sending up cheers of hurrahs and dancing a grand waltz, symbolic of the friendship between Korea and Romania.

Prior to this, the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung stayed in Urumchi, seat of Sinkiang Uighur autonomous region in the western border area of the People's Republic of China, on the 21st on his way to the Romanian Socialist Republic for an official visit, leading the Party and government delegation of our country and received warm welcome and hospitality of the Chinese people and left there on the morning of the 22nd.

Courtesy Call

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, together with his wife Comrade Kim Song Ae paid on the afternoon of 22nd a courtesy call on Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu, General Secretary of the Romanian Communist Party and President of the Romanian Socialist Republic, and his wife Comrade Elena Ceausescu in the Palace of the State Council of the RSR.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung had a conversation with Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu in a cordial atmosphere overflowing with friendly feelings.

A Welcome Banquet

Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife Comrade Elena Ceausescu gave a grand banquet on the evening of 22nd at the Palace of the State Council of the Romanian Socialist Republic in honour of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife Comrade Kim Song Ae.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife were invited to the banquet.

Also invited to the banquet were the members of the Party and government delegation of our country led by the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, and the suite of the delegation.

Present at the banquet were Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife; and leading personnel of the Party and Government of the Romanian Socialist Republic.

Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu made a welcome speech at the banquet.

Then the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung spoke.

The banquet proceeded in a warm and friendly atmosphere overflowing with amicability from beginning to end.

Talks

On the 23rd talks were held at the Palace of the State Council of the Romanian Socialist Republic between the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu, General Secretary of the Romanian Communist Party and President of the Romanian Socialist Republic.

Present at the talks were the members of the Party and government delegation of our country.

Also present at the talks on the Romanian side were the members of the Party and government delegation of the Romanian Socialist Republic.

At the talks the two sides informed each other of the situation of their countries, exchanged views on further strengthening and developing the friendly and cooperative relations between the Parties, governments and peoples of Korea and Romania and on international problems of common concern and a series of other problems and reached a complete unanimity of views on all problems discussed.

The talks proceeded in a comradely, sincere and friendly atmosphere.

Art Performance

An art performance was arranged by the Socialist Culture and Education Council of the Romanian Socialist Republic on the evening of the 23rd at the Romanian Opera Theatre in honour of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife.

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Talks between the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu are held in Bucharest (Telephoto)

Respected Comrade KIM IL SUNG's Visit to Romania Will Undoubtedly Mark a Moment of Historic Importance in the Ascending Course of the Fraternal Relations between Our Parties, Countries and Peoples

Speech Made by Comrade NICOLAE CEAUSESCU

at Mass Meeting

Dear Comrade Kim Il Sung,
Dear comrades and friends,

It gives us great pleasure today to wholeheartedly welcome the Party and government delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea led by Comrade Kim Il Sung at the Romania-Korea friendship mass meeting.

We take this opportunity to recall again with great satisfaction the close relations of friendship, collaboration and solidarity that have been established between the Parties and peoples of the two countries linked by the commonness of the social system and the supreme purpose and desire to build socialist and communist society. The Marxist-Leninist principles of equal rights, respect for national independence, mutual advantage and comradely reciprocal assistance underlie the Romanian-Korean collaboration which is witnessing an ascending course on multiple planes — in the economic, political, technical, scientific, and cultural fields, including exchange of experience in the building of the new society.

The Romanian-Korean friendship, collaboration and solidarity have deep roots in the development of the history of the two peoples who had both been subject to the oppression and rule by the foreign forces in the past days and have waged a heroic struggle to achieve national independence and social liberation and win the right to be the masters of their destiny in their respective countries.

The Romanian people has steadily shown its sympathy and support for the heroic fight of the Korean people for its homeland's liberation.

During the visit I paid four years ago, I was able to note the brilliant successes recorded by the working people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in the re-building and self-dependent development of the homeland, in ensuring economic, scientific, technical and cultural progress, in raising the material standard and spiritual level.

We most sincerely rejoice at the remarkable achievements the brother Korean people is recording in the implementation of the decision of the Fifth Congress, in building the new society, under the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea at head with the great son of the Korean people, the prominent Party and state leader, Comrade Kim Il Sung.

Dear guests,

We, your sincere and intimate friends, wholeheartedly wish you fresher, great successes in the struggle for the multilateral prosperity of the homeland and for the building of socialism and communism in the land of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The Romanian Communist Party, our state and people value and actively back up the constructive initiatives and just policy promoted consistently by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and its President Comrade Kim Il Sung for the attainment of the vital and most legitimate national aspiration of the Korean nation—the independent and peaceful reunification of the homeland.

We are convinced that the visit you are paying to the Romanian Socialist Republic—just as the visit I paid four years ago to your beautiful country—the talks we conduct and the documents to be concluded will open up ever wider prospects to the multilateral collaboration and militant solidarity between our countries and Parties.

This is in full concordance with the interests of both our peoples as also with the general cause of socialism, progress and peace in the whole world.

Dear comrades,

You are paying a visit to the Romanian Socialist Republic at a time when the Romanian people are enlisting all their forces in fulfilling the historic decision of the Eleventh Congress of the Party which adopted the programme of the Romanian Communist Party on building a multilateral and developed socialist society and advancing Romania on to communism.

Our entire people are making intensified endeavours for the pre-schedule fulfilment of the provisions of the current Five-Year Plan and the preparation in good conditions of the new Five-Year Plan for the 1976-1980 period.

At present a large number of enterprises are carrying out ahead of schedule the set tasks of the Five-Year Plan.

The achievements recorded by the working people in this period demonstrate the realism of our plans for economic and social construction, the creative capacity of the Romanian people which unswervingly follows the Communist Party, its resolve to secure the successful translation into life of the grand programme of the multilateral development of the Romanian socialist society adopted by the Eleventh Party Congress.

The socio-economic progress of our homeland and the advance to the building of a new society clearly testify to the correctness of the Marxist-Leninist policy of the Romanian Communist Party which creatively applies the universal principle of socialism in the specific conditions of our country and leads the Romanian people along the road of wellbeing and happiness.

The Romanian Communist Party does everything for the triumph of socialism and communism in Romania proceeding from the organic and dialectical relation between the national task and internationalist duty, aware that this is a contribution to the general cause of strengthening the forces of socialism, progress and peace in the whole world.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, your visit to Romania is taking place at a time when international life is marked by events which open up ever broader prospects to the general struggle of the peoples for liberty, independence and social progress.

It could be said that we are at the beginning of a new phase in the crisis of the capitalist system which includes all spheres of social life, and which hastens the revolutionary process of changing the balance of forces on an international plane in favour of the forces acting for a better and juster world.

Unprecedentedly powerful social forces are rising in all continents of the world to establish new democratic and fair relations in international life opposing the imperialist domination and its policy of force and order. As an outcome of the people's struggles, of the struggle of advanced social forces, certain steps have been made in international life towards detente and collaboration.

There continue, however, to be in the world reactionary forces, circles interested in maintaining the old policy, in perpetuating the states of conflict and tension, military clashes, in endangering universal peace and security.

This makes all the more necessary the rallying of the efforts of the socialist countries, of all peoples, of the advanced, democratic and progressive forces everywhere for the consolidation and continuation of the course toward detente, for excluding for good and all from international life the imperialist policy of inequality and oppression, for the enthronement of a new policy founded on full equality and respect for the sovereignty of all the peoples of the world.

The developments in Indochina vividly show that no one can stop the people from fighting resolutely and stubbornly to win the right to achieve their free development.

The victories won by the Vietnamese and Cambodian peoples demonstrate once again the truth—fully confirmed by historic experience—that when peoples are determined to defend their independence, the right to decide their own destinies nothing and nobody can stay in their way.

The Romanian people which permanently supported, on a material, political and diplomatic plane, the just fight of the peoples of Indochina, hails with satisfaction these historic victories and wishes them wholeheartedly fresh and fresh success on the road of building a free, independent and prosperous life.

Life demonstrates more than ever before that in our days no problem can any longer be solved by war of arms, by military intervention, as the use of force cannot but aggravate the disputed issues, increase international tension, endanger world peace and security.

Romania, a European country, pays particular attention to achieving the security of our continent where the two world wars broke out and powerful armed forces are concentrated at present and which is the biggest arsenal of nuclear weapons and other unheard-of lethal weapons in history.

We consider that it is imperative for security to give each European nation the possibility to concentrate national resources on developing society and economy in the interests of its will and to ensure a complete and practical guarantee for preventing all forms of aggression and interference from the outside.

We are making efforts so that all the countries may adopt at the all-European top-level meeting a clear document on the concrete tasks and resolute duty for creating a new climate for friendship and peaceful collaboration in our continent. We are convinced that European security conforms not only to the interests of Europe but also to the interests of the peace and security of mankind. Today's imperative demand is to extinguish all hotbeds of tension and of conflicts which still exist in the world and solve the disputed issues politically and peacefully. As for the Middle East situation, we hold that the essential problem is to act energetically, on different planes, for the speediest adoption of a political solution to the conflict and the establishment of a lasting and just peace in the region.

In the settlement of the Middle East conflict it is necessary to set out from the withdrawal of Israeli troops from the Arab territory occupied in the June 1967 war, from the solution of the question of the Palestinian people including the formation of an independent Palestinian state, from ensuring independence and territorial integrity, as also the right to sovereign economic and social development of all the states in the region.

A major imperative of progress in the world today is speedy liquidation of the under-development phenomenon.

The maintenance of the economic gaps among states which were caused by the imperialist, colonialist and neo-colonialist policy and their deepening are now a grave root cause of the continued aggravation of unfairness, tension and conflict in the international relations and political and economic instability of the world.

It is necessary for the liquidation of under-development phenomenon first of all to create conditions so that the developing countries may make use of all their human and material resources.

Together with the people's efforts for industrialization and use of national wealth, there is a task to contribute to realizing the programme for accelerating the multilateral socio-economic progress of the developing countries.

This spirit demands the thorough liquidation of the old principles of relations and norms among states which divided the oppressors and the oppressed, the rich and the poor in the past days.

Promotion of new fair relations among states is urgently needed for solving the complex problems arising in the present international economic life, removing the climate of serious crisis, overcoming the raw material crisis and energy crisis and getting rid of the instability of the world economy. There exist still a series of outstanding questions, of course. We cannot speak about the effective and realistic security of the people as long as there continues the armament race on the globe. We hold that it is imperative for the peoples, therefore, to work most resolutely for the switching over to concrete disarmament measures and in the first place to nuclear disarmament.

The complex international life today demands all the countries irrespective of their size and difference of social system to take an active part, under the conditions of full equality, in the settlement of the problems facing mankind in the interest of each nation and durable peace on the globe.

In this respect the small and medium-sized countries and the developing and the non-aligned countries deeply interested in the democratization of international relations are playing an ever more important role. It is necessary, therefore, that we work most firmly for the assertion in the world of fully equal rights, respect for national independence and sovereignty, non-interference in internal affairs, renunciation of threat and use of force in international relations and that we do everything for the peoples to be able to decide their own development in keeping with their will, without any outside interference.

In the solution of the complex problems of the present international life it is necessary for the United Nations organizations and other organizations to play an ever more important role properly reflecting today's realities of the world and the balance of forces in the world and let all the peoples widely participate in the work for the consolidation of peace and security, and it is required for them to energetically act for the assertion of the principles of international law. The Romanian Communist Party is now directing the first and foremost attention to developing the relations of solidarity with all the Communist and Workers' Parties which play an important role in the worldwide struggle for the progressive change of society and peace and security in the socio-political development of the world.

We actively strive to strengthen solidarity with the communist and working-class movement, a base for the strengthening of the unity of all the democratic, anti-imperialist forces.

We found our relations with the other Parties on full respect for equality, for the autonomy of each Party, for its right to self-dependently work out its political line, revolutionary strategy and tactics, creatively applying the concept of dialectical and historical materialism to the concrete conditions in which it carries on its activity.

We consider that under the present-day international situation the Communist Parties have to make sustained efforts on a national plane for strengthening the unity of all the anti-imperialist and democratic forces, this being a guarantee for the success of the struggle for social progress, for international peace and collaboration.

The Party and government of our country, an active vanguard on the world anti-imperialist front, are developing broad relations of collaboration with all the political organizations of the working class, with the Socialist and Social-Democratic Parties, with the national liberation movement in the colonies, with the government Parties of the young independent states, with all advanced social, democratic forces in the struggle for progress and peace in the world. It is necessary for us to do everything to surmount the old state of affairs and to strengthen the unity of the working class, the collaboration between communists and socialists. This is an essential condition for the progress and peace of the world. Our Party proceeds from the concept of dialectical materialism on the decisive role played by the popular masses in creating history and from the necessity to unite the people, the main factor realizing detente and collaboration, the collaboration and security of mankind of the present day, and more actively enlist them in international life.

Respected Comrade Kim Il Sung,
Respected comrades,

I am convinced that the relations between the Romanian Communist Party and the Workers' Party of Korea will steadily strengthen the friendship, collaboration and solidarity between Romania and Korea and continue to actively develop in the future, too, in the interests of the cause of socialism, peace and security.

Respected Comrade Kim Il Sung, your visit to Romania will undoubtedly mark an important momentum in ascendingly developing the relations of fraternal friendship between the two Parties and two peoples. During the talks these days we reached the common conclusion to broadly develop relations of multilateral collaboration between our Parties and peoples.

This common desire was manifested in our decision to conclude a treaty of friendship and collaboration between the Romanian Socialist Republic and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, treaty which is to found on a lasting groundwork the particularly good relations also at present between the two Parties and countries, document meant to exert a positive influence on the future bilateral collaboration and on peace and development of collaboration in the world. We, therefore, firmly believe that the relations between the Romanian Communist Party and the Workers' Party of Korea will develop still more intensely in the future, in the interest of steadily strengthening the Romanian-Korean friendship, collaboration and solidarity, the cause of socialism, peace and international security.

Respected Comrade Kim Il Sung, your visit to Romania, just as our previous meetings, will mark a moment of historic importance in the ascending course of the fraternal relations between our Parties, countries and peoples.

In conclusion I, in the name of the Central Committee of the Party, the State Council, the Government and our entire people, extend once again on this rostrum warm greetings to the entire working people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and wish them a fresher, great success in the course of building a socialist society and realizing the national reunification and the ideal and desire of progress, prosperity and national reunification.

Long live the Romanian-Korean friendship and collaboration!

Long live the unity of the socialist countries, the Communist and Workers' Parties and all the progressive, democratic and anti-imperialist forces!

Long live the peace and collaboration policy of all the nations of the world!

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Invited to see the art performance were the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife.

The members of our Party and government delegation and its suite members were also invited to see the performance.

Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife Comrade Elena Ceausescu saw the performance together with the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife Comrade Kim Song Ae.

Leading cadres of the Party and Government of the Romanian Socialist Republic were with them.

The curtain rose with "Paean to the Two Leaders" expressing high respect, infinite trust and reverence for Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and our people and an intimate friend of the Romanian people, and for Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu, the outstanding leader of the Romanian people and an intimate friend of our people.

When the performance was over, a basket of flowers sent by the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife and another one sent by Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife were conveyed to the performers amid hearty cheers of the audience.

On the morning of the same day the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung laid a wreath at the Memorial to the Heroes of the Fight for the Liberation of the Romanian People and Socialism.

Romania-Korea Friendship Mass Meeting

A grand Romania-Korea friendship mass meeting sponsored by the Bucharest City Committee of the Romanian Communist Party was held on May 24 in the Palace of the State Council of the Romanian Socialist Republic.

The mass meeting was attended by the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and his wife and by Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu, General Secretary of the Romanian Communist Party and President of the Romanian Socialist Republic, and his wife.

Attending the meeting with thousands of working people of Bucharest were Members, and Alternate Members, of the Political Executive Committee of the CC of the RCP, Members of the CC of the RCP, Members of the State Council, Members of the Council of Ministers, veteran fighters in the communist movement, responsible functionaries of government-level bodies, working people's organizations and enterprises, prominent figures of scientific and cultural institutions and generals of the Romanian People's Army.

Put in place of honour of the platform of the meeting hall were a portrait of the great leader of our people Comrade Kim Il Sung and a portrait of the outstanding leader of the Romanian people Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu.

The portraits were flanked by flags of our country and the Romanian Socialist Republic.

When the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, along with Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu, appeared on the platform, stormy cheers of "hurrah!" burst out from among the crowds and loud applause shook the meeting hall.

The members of our Party and government delegation took the platform.

The platform was also occupied by leading cadres of the Party and Government of the Romanian Socialist Republic.

Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu, General Secretary of the RCP and President of the RSR, made a welcome speech amid the enthusiastic cheers of the crowd "Ceausescu!" "Ceausescu!" "hurrah!" and "hurrah!"

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung firmly shook hands with Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu and warmly hugged him when he returned to his seat after his speech.

Then, the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the CC of the WPK and President of the DPRK, made a speech amid the enthusiastic cheers of the crowd "Kim Il Sung!" "Kim Il Sung!" "hurrah!" and "hurrah!"

When he came back to his seat after concluding his speech, the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung exchanged a firm handshake with Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu and they warmly hugged each other and raised high their clasped hands in token of the fraternal friendship between the Korean and Romanian peoples and in acknowledgement of the rousing cheers of the crowd.

The attendants shouted in chorus again and again, more loudly and enthusiastically, "Ceausescu—Kim Il Sung!" "Ceausescu—Kim Il Sung!" "hurrah!" and "hurrah!"

The friendship mass meeting demonstrated the militant unity and fraternal friendship which were forged between the Korean and Romanian Parties and peoples on the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism in the struggle against imperialism and for the victory of the cause of socialism and which have been strengthened and developed on to a new higher plane by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu. It also clearly showed the firm will of the two peoples to wage a stauncher struggle for the victory of the cause of socialism and communism, firmly uniting and supporting each other and cooperating with each other.

Banquet

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung arranged a grand banquet at the Palace of the State Council of the Romanian Socialist Republic on May 24 in honour of Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife.

Invited to the banquet were Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife Comrade Elena Ceausescu and leading cadres of the Party and Government of the Romanian Socialist Republic.

The members of our Party and government delegation and its suite members were present at the banquet.

At the banquet the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung spoke first.

The next speaker was Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu.

The banquet proceeded in a cordial atmosphere overflowing with militant brotherhood and fraternal friendship from beginning to end.

Inspection of Factories

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung paid on May 24 a visit to the Bucharest Heavy Machine Plant and the Bucharest Electronic Combine.

Accompanying the great leader during his inspection of these factories were our Party and government delegation members and suite.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung was accompanied by Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu.

Also together with them were leading cadres of the Party and Government of the Romanian Socialist Republic.

Tens of thousands of people turned out to the streets and warmly welcomed the leader.

Set up with due respect in the conspicuous places of the factories were portraits of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu.

The respected and beloved leader made rounds of different workshops of the heavy machine plant amid the fervent welcome from its workers. **The great leader appreciated the vigorous drive of the Romanian working class to build a multilaterally developed socialist country through its creative labour.** At each workshop and before each machine he shook the greasy hands of workers, inspiring and encouraging them.

Upon leaving the plant the great leader made the following entry in the visitor's book, "We wish you great success". He presented to the plant a silk banner in the name of the delegation.

The director of the plant presented the great leader with a photo-album introducing the plant.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung was given a warm welcome at the electronic combine, too.

The respected and beloved leader visited the "electronica" works, the electronic computers enterprise and kinescopes works of the combine and congratulated the workers on their results made in production.

The director of the combine presented the respected and beloved leader with a product which the workers there had manufactured with their utmost sincerity.

Prior to his departure, the great leader presented a silk banner to the combine in the name of the delegation.

After inspecting the factories, the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, in company with Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu, saw round new residential quarters for tens of thousands of families that have sprung up.

On May 23, Comrade Kim Song Ae called at the Bucharest Central Chemical Research Institute and the Bucharest Knitwear and Garment Factory. She was accompanied by the wife of Comrade O Jin U, Chief of General Staff of the Korean People's Army.

Also accompanying her was Comrade Elena Ceausescu.

Conversation

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, had a conversation with Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu, General Secretary of the Romanian Communist Party and President of the Romanian Socialist Republic, on May 25 at Snagov in the suburb of the Bucharest city.

The conversation proceeded in a comradely and friendly atmosphere.

Luncheon

In honour of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife Comrade Kim Song Ae, a luncheon was hosted on the 25th by Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife Comrade

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Answers of the Great Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG

to the Questions Raised by the Chairman of the Costa Rica-Korea Association of Friendship and Culture, Who Is Chairman of the Costa Rica Socialist Party and Chairman of the Costa Rica Journalists Union

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung received on April 13 the Chairman of the Costa Rica-Korea Association of Friendship and Culture, who is Chairman of the Costa Rica Socialist Party and Chairman of the Costa Rica Journalists Union and gave answers to the questions put by him.

According to a report from San Jose, on April 28 the Costa Rican newspaper "El Pueblo" printed the full text of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung's answers, with his portrait carried in place of honour.

Follows the full text of the answers given by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung:

QUESTION: You are going to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea this year. During the past years, under the wise leadership of the great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung, the Korean people have achieved social and economic transformations that startle the world's people, by embodying the immortal Juche idea.

Would you tell us, Mr. President, about the role played by the Workers' Party of Korea in this respect and the most important factors that enabled such achievements?

ANSWER: As you correctly pointed out, over the past 30 years the Korean people have achieved great social and economic transformations, enduring all hardships and trials. Under the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea our people waged an unflinching battle, and thus have established an advanced socialist system in this land and turned our formerly underdeveloped colonial agrarian country into a socialist industrial state equipped with a powerful heavy industry and modern light industry as well as a developed agriculture.

All the victories and successes in our revolution and construction have been achieved thanks to the correct leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea and our people's creative struggle.

The Workers' Party of Korea is the general staff of the Korean revolution and our people's guiding force. At each stage of revolutionary development our Party proposed correct lines and policies and organized and mobilized the entire people to carry them through.

What was most important in the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea to the revolution and construction was to establish Juche thoroughly.

The Juche idea is our Party's undeviating guiding idea. Our Party has always held fast to the principle of solving all problems arising in the revolution and construction from the standpoint of Juche. Based on the independent and creative position, our Party has mapped out all lines and policies in a unique manner, to meet our country's specific situation and our people's interests, and carried them through relying on the strength of our people themselves.

By establishing Juche and relying on its own efforts, our Party could successfully overcome all and every difficulty and trial, and forcefully advance our revolution and make our country a strong and dignified socialist power which is politically independent, economically self-supporting and self-defensive in safeguarding the nation.

Our Party could achieve outstanding successes in the revolution and construction also because it powerfully stepped up the revolution and construction, believing in the working masses' strength and giving full play to their revolutionary zeal and creativity.

The working masses are the masters of revolution and construction and the makers of history. Their creative labour and struggle produce all the material wealth of society and achieve social transformation and progress. The working masses are the most powerful and intelligent in the world. In the last analysis, they decide every problem and the success of revolution and construction depends on how they are organized and mobilized.

Whenever the revolution and construction posed a hard and tremendous task and difficulties and ordeals cropped up, our Party went among the people and consulted with them about the solution. By doing this our Party acquainted the masses thoroughly with its intentions and demands and actively mobilized their strength and knowledge for the implementation of Party policies and rallied them more firmly around itself.

The source of all our victories and invincibility lies precisely in the fact that the Party believes in the masses of the people and the latter uphold and follow the former. Because the entire people firmly united around the Party with one idea and purpose and worked by giving full play to their strength, knowledge and creativity, our country worked miracles that aroused the admiration of the world's people.

Our experience shows that if Juche is thoroughly established and the popular masses' revolutionary enthusiasm and creative talents are actively organized and mobilized, it is possible to push ahead with revolution and construction at a very high speed and build a wealthy and prosperous new society in a short period even in a country, however underdeveloped it was in the past.

QUESTION: The US imperialists and their stooges are now more undisguised in their manoeuvres to provoke a new war in Korea and are resorting to every sinister trick to rig up "two Koreas". Leader, what do you think is the prospect of the independent peaceful reunification of Korea in the present situation?

And what kind of international solidarity movement, in your opinion, is necessary to support the Korean people in their struggle to shatter the manoeuvres of US imperialism and its minions for another war and the permanent partition of your country?

ANSWER: The manoeuvres of the US imperialists and their south Korean puppet clique towards "two Koreas" and a new war against the northern half of the Republic are laying a great obstacle to the solution of the question of our national reunification.

The US imperialists have brought forward the "two Koreas" policy with a view to freezing the division of our country and making south Korea their permanent colony and military base. Under their instigation, the south Korean puppets are demanding the entry of "two Koreas" to the UN, with the north and the south of our country kept divided. By so doing they try to realize their fantastic dream of perpetuating our country's partition and ruling south Korea for a long time.

The US imperialists and their henchmen are scheming to create "two Koreas" on the one hand, and on the other overtly manoeuvring to unleash another war against the northern half of the Republic. The enemies have shipped into south Korea nuclear weapons and various other up-to-date arms and equipment and placed them in the vicinity of the Military Demarcation Line, making ceaseless armed provocations against the northern half of the Republic on the ground and sea, and in the air. Particularly nowadays, clamouring about the importance of south Korea as a strategic point in Asia, the US imperialists are reinforcing their armed forces and expanding the military bases of aggression in south Korea. Because of these manoeuvres of the US imperialists and the south Korean puppet clique the situation in our country is very tense today.

With no amount of manoeuvring, however, can they prevent the reunification of our country. Our people will never forgive the partitionists at home and abroad who are hindering the country's reunification and will resolutely smash all enemy manoeuvres. If the south Korean puppet clique continue to betray the country and the people and persist in their manoeuvres to rig up "two Koreas" and provoke another war, trailing behind the US imperialists, they will not escape the same fate as the Lon Nol clique of Cambodia and the Thieu clique of South Viet Nam had.

As soon as our country was divided, our Party and the Government of the Republic put forth the policy to reunify the country independently and peacefully on democratic principles without any foreign interference and have since made all possible efforts to carry it out.

For the independent peaceful reunification of the country we set forth a line to strengthen the revolutionary forces in the northern half of the Republic, support the revolutionary struggle of the south Korean people and cement solidarity with the international revolutionary forces and have been waging a positive struggle for its implementation.

Thanks to the wise leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea and the positive efforts of our people, the revolutionary base in the northern half of the Republic has been consolidated as firm as a rock in all the political, economic and military spheres. We have thus been able to have powerful revolutionary forces of our own, the decisive guarantee for the country's reunification.

The south Korean people have also waged a vigorous struggle against the US imperialists and their lackeys to hasten the country's reunification. Their struggle has gained momentum recently. Now, youths and students in south Korea are holding powerful demonstrations every day against the puppet regime, shouting the slogans "Dictatorship, step out!" "Guarantee the freedom of schools and speech!" In addition, men of the press, religious communities, politicians and other sections of the south Korean people are bravely fighting against the fascist rule of the puppet regime and for the democratization of south Korean society. The people in the northern half of the Republic are actively supporting and encouraging the righteous patriotic struggle of the south Korean people.

Our people's international solidarity with the world's progressive people has also grown stronger. Today our people have many people who support and sympathize with our revolution everywhere in the world.

All this is a solid guarantee for the victory of our people's struggle for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

We firmly believe that through the united efforts of all the people in north and south Korea and the active support and encouragement of the world's progressive people, we will crush the manoeuvres of the US imperialists and the south Korean puppet clique to provoke a new war and create "two Koreas" and will win the historic cause of national reunification before long.

Our people treasure the international support and encouragement of many peoples of the world to their struggle for national reunification.

We are sure that as in the past, so in the future, all the people of the world who love peace and justice will express strong solidarity for our people's struggle to force out of south Korea the US imperialist armed forces of aggression under the emblem of the "UN forces". We also hope that the voices of international solidarity will be ever louder throughout the world, thoroughly isolating the US imperialists and the south Korean puppet clique, denouncing their manoeuvres for aggression and national division and actively supporting and inspiring the south Korean people in their movement for democracy.

I avail myself of this opportunity to express my thanks to the Costa Rican people and the peace-lovers the world over for their support and encouragement to our people's struggle for the country's independent and peaceful reunification.

QUESTION: How do you analyse the economic crisis which is affecting the capitalist world including the US? And what consequences do you think it will entail?

ANSWER: The capitalist world is now undergoing the most serious economic crisis history has ever known. The oil crisis, raw material crisis and food crisis are sweeping across all capitalist countries. The US, Japan, West Germany and many other capitalist countries are being thrown into a great confusion because of the sharp decrease in production, never-ending inflation, incessantly skyrocketing prices and millions of the unemployed flooding the streets.

The current economic crisis in the capitalist world is the natural product of capitalist system. It is a law that economic panic and chaos occur in capitalist society where anarchic production goes on on the basis of the private ownership of the means of production. So long as the capitalist system is left intact, the economic crisis can never be checked nor its catastrophic consequences be warded off. The economic crisis in the capitalist world will be further aggravated and its consequences be more catastrophic as the days go by.

The US-led imperialists are desperately trying to get out of their present economic crisis. Internally, they are further intensifying exploitation and plunder of the working people and, externally, are manoeuvring undisguisedly to invade other countries. In particular, they are exerting pressure on the third world countries abounding with deposits of petroleum and other natural resources for raw materials. They have gone so far as to perpetrate extremely hazardous, brazen manoeuvres to rob these countries of their natural resources by force of arms.

No frantic manoeuvring of the imperialists, however, can save themselves from the crisis.

As the imperialists intensify exploitation and plunder, the struggle of the working people for the right to live will gain in strength, and this struggle will drive the imperialists deeper into a dead end.

Imperialist threat, blackmail and aggressive moves against the third world countries are doomed to failure. Today the peoples of the third world are courageously battling against the imperialist policies of aggression and plunder and in defence of their natural resources and maritime rights. If the third world countries continue to struggle vigorously to win economic independence and safeguard national resources by their concerted efforts, they can smite the predatory policy and aggressive scheme of the imperialists and plunge them into the abyss of ruin.

If the peoples of the socialist countries, the peoples of the third world countries and the peace-loving people throughout the world sharpen their vigilance and resolutely fight against the imperialist manoeuvres to unleash a new war, the danger of war will be averted and universal peace and security be safeguarded.

The imperialists must not forget the lesson of history. Should they ignite an adventurous war in a bid to tide over their present catastrophic economic crisis, that will result in further precipitating the final downfall of imperialism and hastening the victory of world revolution.

QUESTION: The third world countries are now making dynamic efforts to achieve economic independence, consolidate independence and create a new life.

Mr. President, would you kindly explain what the third world countries should do if they are to follow the path to complete independence and sovereignty free from exploitation and oppression?

ANSWER: If the countries of the third world are to consolidate their political independence and build a new society without exploitation and oppression, they should, first of all, completely smash the subversive activities of foreign imperialists and domestic reactionaries and achieve complete national liberation. The achievement of political independence is but the first step towards the ultimate triumph of the national-liberation revolution. In order to achieve complete national liberation, it is necessary to destroy the political and economic footholds of imperialist colonial rule, establish a progressive social system and build an independent national economy and national culture. Only then is it possible to get rid of the centuries-old backwardness and poverty, leftovers of colonial rule, and build a wealthy and prosperous independent sovereign state.

It is highly important for the third world countries to build an independent national economy in consummating the cause of national liberation.

Economic independence is the material basis of political independence. If a country is economically subject to or dependent on another, the former cannot but be subject to the latter politically and cannot free itself from colonial slavery. Only when one builds an independent national economy, can one consolidate political independence, enrich, strengthen and advance one's country and attain national prosperity.

The third world countries are faced with quite a few difficulties in building an independent national economy, because they have carried over a backward economy, the result of the colonial rule of imperialism. However, if they mobilize and utilize their peoples' creativity and national resources to the maximum, they will be quite able to attain economic independence.

If the third world countries are to take the road of complete independence and sovereignty, they should firmly maintain independence. Only then can they uphold national dignity and honour, pursue foreign policy on the principles of complete equality and mutual respect, and dynamically promote the building of a new society. Maintaining independence is the essential requirement and fundamental principle in building an independent and sovereign state.

If the third world countries are to build a new society free from exploitation and oppression, they must consolidate the national independence they have won, and then gradually go over to socialism.

If the countries which won national independence take the road to capitalism, they cannot put an end to exploitation and oppression; they may be subjugated by the imperialists again. The road to capitalism is the road to subordination and decline, exploitation and oppression. Only the road to socialism is the road to complete independence and sovereignty and to the building of a happy new society free from exploitation and oppression. That is why many third world nations are steering for socialism.

It is essential to cement militant unity and cooperation among the third world countries in the struggle to build a new society.

The third world peoples are closely bound together and have common interests in the struggle to safeguard national independence and sovereignty and build a new society. The militant unity and close cooperation among the third world countries are a major guarantee for the victory of the revolutionary cause.

If they unite politically and closely cooperate economically, there will be nothing impossible for them. If they struggle in unity, they can foil the imperialists' predatory and aggressive manoeuvres, overcome all hardships and bottlenecks in building a new society and achieve national welfare and prosperity.

We value our unity and cooperation with the third world countries and are doing all we can to strengthen them.

QUESTION: Today some Latin-American governments are working hard for their complete sovereignty and economic progress. They have formed an alliance of banana exporting nations to protect the international price of banana and are struggling to organize a Caribbean merchant fleet, including Cuban vessels, for the shipment of their exports, establish a Latin-American economic organization which will replace the present "Organization of American States" to run the economy of Latin America free from US imperialist interference and transfer sovereignty over the Canal Zone to Panama.

What do you think about this struggle? What bearing do you think it has for the Korean and other peoples?

ANSWER: Today, under the banner of anti-imperialism and independence, the Latin-American people are waging an energetic struggle to oppose the domination and subjugation of US imperialism, defend national sovereignty and achieve economic freedom.

Costa Rica and other Latin-American countries have formed an alliance of banana exporting nations to protect the international price of banana and are carrying on a joint struggle these days to form a Caribbean merchant fleet for the shipment of their exports, set up a Latin-American economic organization which can replace the "Organization of American States" and transfer genuine sovereignty and legal rights over the Panama Canal and the Canal Zone to Panama. This is very good.

This struggle of the Costa Rican and other Latin-American people is a just struggle to safeguard their countries' sovereignty and national interests, put an end to imperialist interference and aggression and achieve their territorial integrity and economic independence.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Korean people fully support their struggle to defend their national sovereignty and develop their economy. Our people will always stand firm by the Latin-American people in their struggle for the cause of justice.

We consider that the valiant struggle of the Latin-American people for their countries' sovereignty and economic development contributes greatly to the joint struggle of the world's people for peace and democracy, national independence and socialism.

Availing myself of this opportunity, in the name of the Korean people I would like to express firm solidarity with the Costa Rican people in their struggle to build a new society and a new life. We are sure that friendly and cooperative relations between Korea and Costa Rica will develop favourably to meet the interests of the two peoples.

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Elena Ceausescu.

Invited to the luncheon were some members of our Party and government delegation.

Present there were leading cadres of the Party and Government of the Romanian Socialist Republic.

The luncheon proceeded in a cordial atmosphere overflowing with the feelings of friendship.

Treaty Concluded and Joint Communique Issued

The Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Romanian Socialist Republic was concluded in Bucharest on the 26th.

The signing ceremony was held in the Palace of the State Council of the RSR.

Present at the ceremony were the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife and Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife.

The Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation between the DPRK and the RSR was signed by the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the CC of the WPK and President of the DPRK, who was leading the Party and government delegation of the DPRK, and by Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu, General Secretary of the RCP and President of the RSR.

The members of the DPRK Party and government delegation were present at the ceremony.

Also on hand were leading cadres of the Party and Government of the RSR.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu made speeches in connection with the conclusion of the treaty.

As a precious fruit of the close cooperative relations maintained between the two Parties and peoples for a long time on the principle of independence, the conclusion of the treaty marks an important occasion in continuously consolidating and developing the relations of friendship and cooperation between the peoples of the two countries on the principle of independence, equality and mutual benefit and an event that exerts a great inspiring influence upon the socialist countries and the third world people.

A joint communique was made public in connection with the visit of the DPRK Party and government delegation led by the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung to the RSR.

Departure

Having successfully wound up the official visit to the RSR, leading the Party and government delegation of our country, the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, together with his wife, left Romania by special plane on the 26th.

Together with leading cadres of the Party and Government and more than 10,000 people, Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu, General Secretary of the RCP and President of the RSR, and his wife gave the respected and beloved leader a hearty send-off at the airport.

Foreign diplomatic envoys in Bucharest and their wives were also on hand at the airport.

Comrade Pak Jung Guk, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the DPRK to the RSR, and his wife and staffers of the DPRK Embassy and their families were also present at the airport.

A farewell function was held at the airport for the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and the Party and government delegation of our country.

The visit of our Party and government delegation led by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung to the RSR was a historic event that powerfully demonstrated the traditional, unbreakable friendship and solidarity between the Parties and governments and peoples of Korea and Romania and marked an important occasion in further strengthening the fraternal friendship and solidarity between the two peoples and further developing this friendship in all spheres in the future.

It was a great contribution to the strengthening of the unity and solidarity of the socialist countries and the international communist movement and a heavy blow to the imperialists.

DPRK Central People's Committee Publishes Decrees

The Central People's Committee of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made public decrees on awarding the "Order of Kim Il Sung" to the Choson (Korean) University in Tokyo and "Choson Sinbo" published in Japan, on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the formation of Chongryon (the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan).

The DPRK Central People's Committee also published a decree on establishing "Medal in Memory of 20th Birthday of Chongryon" as a state commendation for the Chongryon functionaries, patriotic traders and industrialists and enthusiastic compatriots who greatly contributed to the patriotic work of Chongryon, in honour of the 20th anniversary of the formation of Chongryon.

Memorable Chongryon's 20th Birthday Observed Here

Colourful functions were held here to observe the 20th anniversary of the formation of Chongryon (the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan).

The central report meeting took place at the People's Palace of Culture in Pyongyang on May 24.

Hung in place of honour on the platform of the meeting hall was a portrait of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the genius of revolution, the sun of the nation and legendary hero.

Vice-President Kang Ryang Uk and other leading cadres and personages concerned attended the meeting together with the working people in the capital, men of the Korean People's Army, and the model workers—returnees from Japan.

Also present were a delegation of Koreans in Japan headed by Vice-Chairman Pak Jae Ro of the Chongryon Central Standing Committee and a cyclists delegation of Korean youth in Japan who came to the homeland to express thanks to the great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung for his formation of Chongryon on the occasion of its 20th birthday, the Korean Song and Dance Ensemble in Japan who came to the homeland to join in the celebration of his 63rd birthday and the 18th home-visiting group of Koreans in Japan.

Invited to the meeting were the foreign diplomatic envoys in Pyongyang.

At the meeting the members of the delegation of Koreah youth in Japan handed over to Vice-President Kang Ryang Uk a congratulatory letter from the Chongryon Central Standing Committee and loyalty letters from all the prefectural headquarters of Chongryon and its member organizations and business enterprises, which are all cordially addressed to the respected and beloved leader Marshal Kim Il Sung on Chongryon's 20th birthday.

Comrade Pak Sung Chul, Vice-Premier of the DPRK Administration Council, delivered a report at the meeting.

He was followed by Vice-Chairman Pak Jae Ro.

After concluding his speech, the Vice-Chairman conveyed to Vice-President Kang Ryang Uk a silk banner sent from the Chongryon Central Standing Committee to the great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung.

Similar meetings took place in all the provincial capitals.

The DPRK Administration Council gave a grand banquet in celebration of Chongryon's 20th birthday on May 25.

Present at the banquet were Vice-President Kang Ryang Uk and other leading cadres, personages concerned and Labour Heroes and labour innovators who rendered distinguished services in the socialist construction after their return from Japan.

Invited to the banquet were members of the said Chongryon delegations, song and dance ensemble and home-visiting group.

Foreign diplomatic envoys in Pyongyang were also invited.

Earlier, inauguration ceremonies for ten-day film show and photo exhibition were held in Pyongyang and all the provincial capitals.

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